

The Anarchist Library (Mirror)

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We don't need government

We need utilities.

Air, water, energy

Travel and communication means

Food and shelter.

We have no need for imaginary mountain ranges

Between separate nations.

We can make tunnels through the real ones.

Nor do we have any need for the continuing division
of people

Into those who have what they need

And those who don't.

Both Fuller and Marshal McLuhan

Knew, furthermore

That work is now obsolete.

We have invented machines to do it for us.

Now that we have no need to do anything

What shall we do?

Looking at Fuller's geodesic world map
We see that the Earth is a single island, Oahu.
We must give all the people all they need to live
In any way they wish.

Our present laws protect the rich from the poor.

If there are to be laws, we need ones that
Begin with the acceptance of poverty as a way of life.

We must make the world safe for poverty Without de-
pendence on government.